

FURUSHO et al.  
Appl. No. 10/533,460  
December 31, 2008

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination and is responsive to the issues raised in the Official Action of November 18, 2008, a Final Rejection.

In the Official Action, the examiner continues to reject claim 1 on the basis of prior art but suggests, in the paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3 of the Action, that step (H) be revised to include the term "consisting essentially of". The examiner's suggestion has been adopted and claim 1 amended accordingly. In addition, a minor typographical error was corrected in step (H) as well.

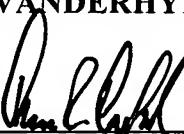
This Amendment is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination, applicants taking note of the examiner's comment that the amendment to claim 1 as above suggested (and now adopted) "would require further search/consideration after a Final Rejection".

It is counsel's understanding that with this Amendment the application will be in condition for allowance. Should the examiner have any questions or require further information, please advise the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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